

2006 Sport Fishing Regulations Supplement

*Contains in-season changes to freshwater and
ocean sport fishing regulations for 2006*

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**September 23,
2006**

On this day only, ALL regulations apply, but NO license is required for sport fishing.

THIS IS A SUPPLEMENT

The regulations in this supplement supercede regulations listed in the 2006 Freshwater and/or Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklets. NOTE: This supplement does not contain a complete list of fishing regulations. Please refer to your original copies of the 2006 Freshwater and/or Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklets for regulations not listed here.

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Freshwater Fishing Regulations Update

This section updates freshwater fishing regulations that have changed since publication of the 2006 Freshwater Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

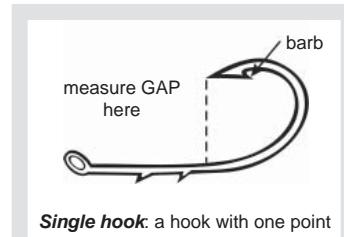
Sub-section 7.50(b)(91.1), Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

Anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Below Iron Gate Dam (Lower Klamath River Basin).

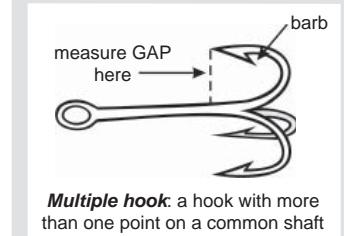
The regulations in this sub-section apply only to waters of the Klamath River system which are accessible to anadromous salmonids. They do not apply to waters of the Klamath River which are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout, for example, portions of the Klamath River system upstream from Iron Gate Dam, portions of the Trinity River system above Lewiston Dam, and the Shasta River and tributaries above Dwinnel Dam. Fishing in these waters is governed by the General Regulations for non-anadromous waters of the North Coast District (see Section 7.00(a)(5)).

(A) Hook and Weight Restrictions.

1. Only barbless hooks may be used.
2. Definitions of "Gap": For the purposes of this section, "gap" means the distance measured from the point of a hook to the shank. [see diagram, right]
3. Maximum Gaps and Gear Rigging.
 - a. No person shall use any **single hook with a gap greater than 1 inch** or any multiple hook with a gap greater than 3/4 inch.
 - b. It is unlawful to use any hook which is directly or indirectly attached closer than 18 inches to any weight exceeding 1/2 ounce.
 - c. It is unlawful to use any multiple hook or more than one single hook on non-buoyant lures exceeding one ounce.
 - d. It is unlawful to use any weight attached **directly** below a hook.
4. During closures to the take of adult salmon, anglers shall not remove any adult Chinook salmon from the water by any means, such as by dragging the fish on shore or using a net. [NOTE: See *Exception in sub-section (B)2 below*]



Single hook: a hook with one point



Multiple hook: a hook with more than one point on a common shaft

(B) General Area Closures.

1. No fishing is allowed within 750 feet of any Department of Fish and Game fish-counting weir.
2. No fishing is allowed from the Ishi Pishi Falls road bridge upstream to and including Ishi Pishi Falls from Aug. 15 through Nov. 1. **Exception:** members of the Karuk Indian Tribe listed on the current Karuk Tribal Roll may fish at Ishi Pishi Falls using hand-held dip nets.
3. No fishing is allowed from Sept. 15 through Nov. 15 in the Klamath River within

500 feet of the mouths of the Salmon, the Shasta and the Scott rivers.

(C) Klamath River Basin General Seasons and Bag and Possession limits.

1. All anadromous waters of the Klamath River Basin are closed to all fishing all year, except those listed in sub-section (b)(91.1)(E) below.

2. Trout.

a. The trout daily bag limit is 1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead**, and 1 brown trout.

3. Salmon.

a. All Chinook salmon are subject the quotas and size restrictions listed in sub-section (b)(91.1)(D).

b. Unless otherwise noted in sub-sections (b)(91.1)(D) or (b)(91.1)(E), the salmon daily bag limit is 3 Chinook salmon, of which no more than 1 may be over 22 inches total length when the take of salmon over 22 inches total length is allowed.

c. No more than 2 Chinook salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained in any 7 consecutive days when the take of salmon over 22 inches total length is allowed.

d. No more than 12 Chinook salmon may be possessed, of which no more than 2 may be over 22 inches total length when the take of salmon over 22 inches total length is allowed.

(D) Klamath River Basin Chinook Salmon Quotas.

The Klamath River fall Chinook salmon take is regulated using quotas. Accounting of the tribal and non-tribal harvest is closely coordinated from August 1 through November 30 each year.

1. Quota for Entire Basin.

The 2006 Klamath River Basin quota is 0 Klamath River fall Chinook salmon over 22 inches total length.

a. Klamath River from Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from April 1 through November 30, 2006.

b. Klamath River Below the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from August 15 to November 30, 2006.

c. Trinity River main stem from the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West Bridge at Cedar Flat.

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from September 15 through November 30, 2006.

d. Trinity River main stem from the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat downstream to the Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny).

(i) Closed to all fishing from September 1 through November 30, 2006.

e. Trinity River main stem from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) downstream to the mouth of the Trinity River South Fork.

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from September 1 through November 30, 2006.

f. Trinity River main stem from the mouth of the Trinity River South Fork downstream to the confluence with the Klamath River.

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from April 1 through November 30, 2006.

Body of Water	Open Season and Special Regulations
1. Bogus Creek and tributaries	Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.
2. Klamath River main stem from 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to mouth.	All year.
3. Salmon River main stem , main stem of North Fork, below Sawyer's Bar Bridge and main stem of South Fork below the confluence of the East Fork of the South Fork.	Nov. 1 through Feb. 28
4. Scott River main stem from mouth to Fort Jones-Greenview Bridge	Fourth Saturday in May through February 28
5. Shasta River main stem from Interstate 5 bridge north of Yreka to the mouth	Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31 and Nov. 16 through Feb. 28
6. Trinity River and tributaries	
a. Trinity River main stem from 250 ft. below Lewiston Dam to Old Lewiston Bridge	Apr. 1 through Sept. 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.
b. Trinity River main stem from Old Lewiston Bridge to the Hwy. 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat	All year
c. Canyon Creek above the falls located about four miles above the wilderness area boundary	Last Saturday in Apr. through Aug. 31
d. Trinity River main stem from the Hwy. 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat downstream to the Hawkins Bar Bridge (road to Denny)	Dec. 1 through Aug. 31
e. New River main stem from the mouth upstream to the confluence of the East Fork.	Sept. 15 through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.
f. Trinity River main stem from Hawkins Bar Bridge (road to Denny) to the mouth of the Trinity River South Fork	All year
g. Trinity River main stem from the mouth of the Trinity River South Fork downstream to the confluence with the Klamath River	All year
h. Trinity River South Fork downstream from the mouth of Grouse Creek	Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31
i. Trinity River South Fork from the mouth of Grouse Creek to the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom.	Nov. 1 through Mar. 31
j. Hayfork Creek main stem, from Hwy. 3 bridge in Hayfork downstream to the mouth	Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.

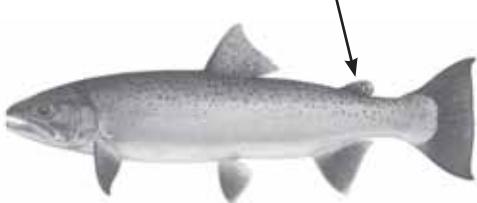
(E) Seasons. Daily Bag Limits, and Special Fishing Methods Restrictions for Waters of the Klamath River Basin. Bag limits are for trout and salmon in combination unless otherwise specified. [see table, below]

Daily Bag Limit	
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0	See sub-sections (b)(91.1)(D)1.a. and (b)(91.1)(D)1.b. for salmon restrictions. See sub-section (b)(91.1)(C)(2) for trout bag limits.
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0	See sub-section (b)(91.1)(D)1.c. for salmon restrictions. See sub-section (b)(91.1)(C)2. for trout bag limits.
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0	See sub-section (b)(91.1)(D)1.d. for salmon restrictions. See sub-section (b)(91.1)(C)2. for trout bag limits.
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0	0 chinook salmon. See sub-section (b)(91.1)(C)2. for trout bag limits.
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**Hatchery trout or steelhead are those showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent). Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released. Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip.

HOW TO DISTINGUISH WILD STEELHEAD FROM HATCHERY STEELHEAD

Wild steelhead possess an intact adipose fin



Hatchery steelhead lack an adipose fin, and possess a scar where the fin was clipped



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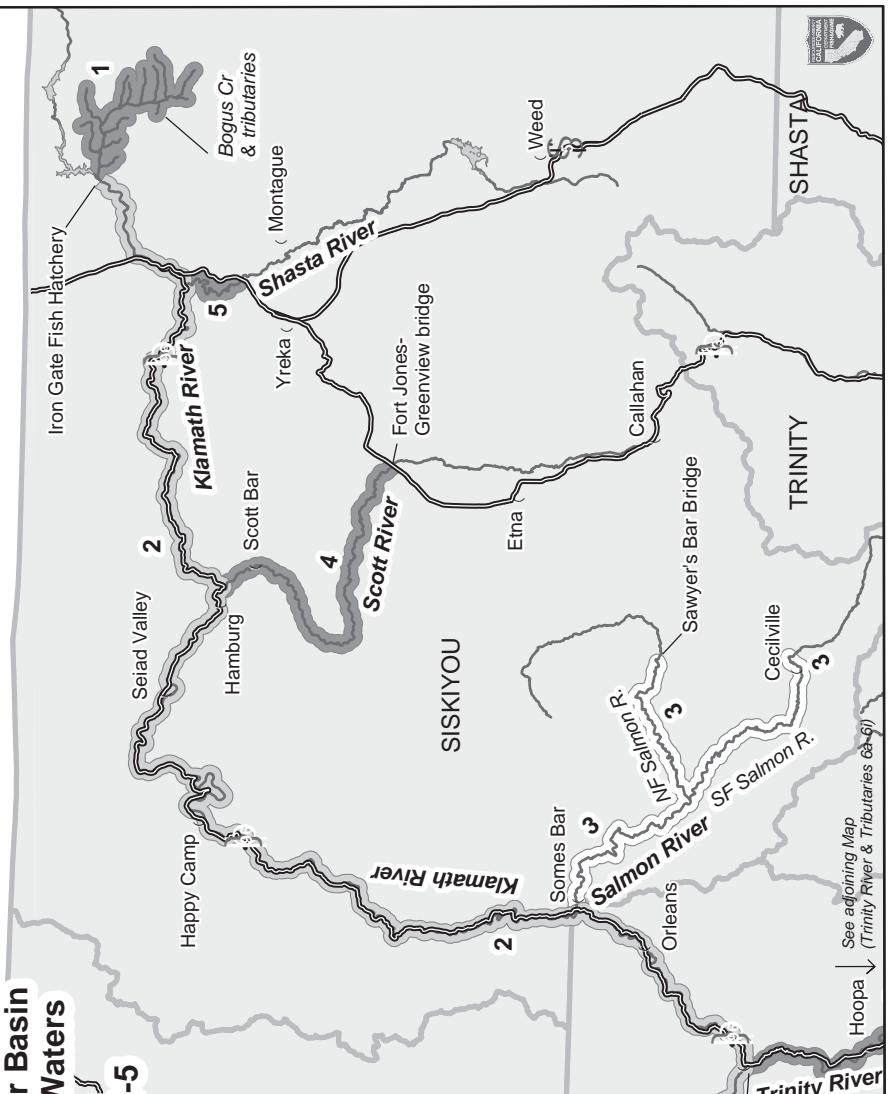
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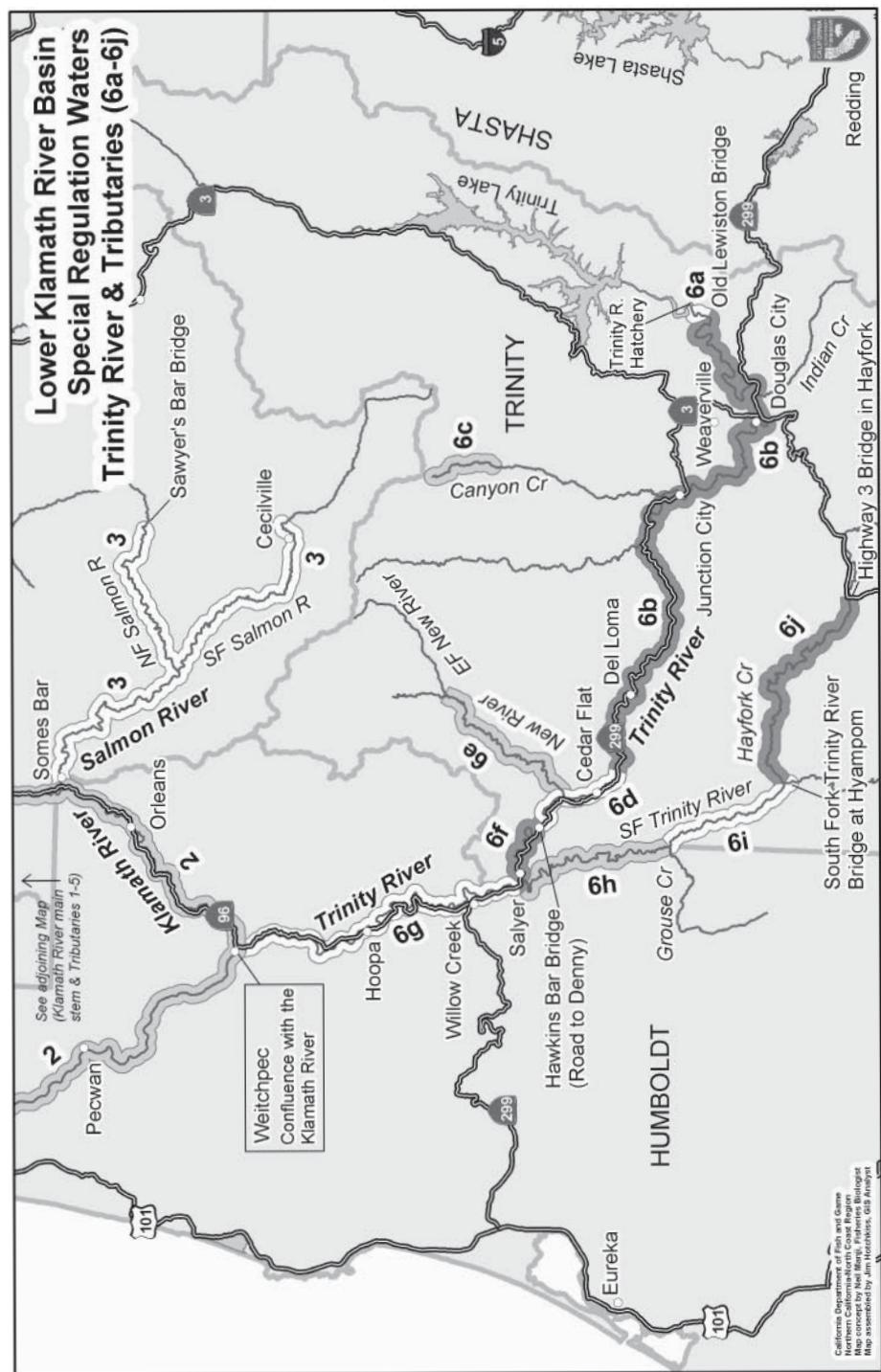
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Lower Klamath River Basin Special Regulation Waters Trinity River & Tributaries (6a-6j)



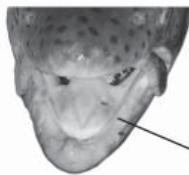
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Sub-section (b)(178) of Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:
7.50. Alphabetical List of Waters with Special Fishing Regulations. (b)

Area or Body of Water	Open Season	Bag Limit
(178) Silver King Creek and tributaries (Alpine Co.) including lakes above Tamarack Lake Creek (within Section 7 T7N R223).	Closed all year to fishing	

FISH IDENTIFICATION

Steelhead Rainbow Trout



White gums and tongue

Chinook Salmon



Base of teeth all black

Coho Salmon



Narrow light-gray band at base of bottom teeth

Important Reminder

Section 1.74. Salmon Punch Card and Steelhead Fishing Report Card Requirements.

(a) In addition to a valid sport fishing license, any person fishing for salmon in ocean waters north of Horse Mountain or in waters of the Klamath River system shall have in their possession a non-transferable Salmon Punch Card issued by the department. Anglers must immediately upon taking and retaining an adult salmon as defined in Section 27.80(d) in ocean waters, and over 22 inches total length in the river system, make a hole in the punch card in one of the designated locations and record the month, day, area of catch and species of salmon in the spaces provided.

The fee for a Salmon Punch Card is specified in Section 701. A Salmon Punch Card shall be valid for the calendar year. No person may purchase or possess more than one Salmon Punch Card or any Salmon Punch Card other than his own. Any person who issues a Salmon Punch Card shall enter the card number on the appropriate space provided on the angler's valid sport fishing license. The sport fishing license number shall be entered on the punch card in the appropriate space provided.

Anglers must return punch cards to the department within 30 days of the close of the calendar year.

(b) In addition to a valid sport fishing license, any person fishing for steelhead trout in anadromous waters (see Section 1.04 for definition of anadromous waters) shall have in their possession a nontransferable Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card issued by the department. For purposes of this regulation, a steelhead trout is defined as any rainbow trout greater than 16 inches in length found in anadromous waters. Anglers must immediately record, with a ball-point pen, the month, day, catch area, number of steelhead caught and kept, and number of steelhead caught and released whenever the cardholder finishes fishing for the day, moves to another river or stream, or retains a steelhead trout.

A Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card shall be valid for the calendar year. When the card becomes completely filled-in, any person may purchase another card.

Anglers must return their card by January 31 of the following year to the address specified on the Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card.

Revenue received from the sale of the cards may only be expended to monitor, restore, or enhance steelhead trout resources and to administer the report-restoration card program. The card shall contain a statement explaining potential uses of the funds received.

Ocean Fishing Regulations Update

This section updates ocean fishing regulations that have changed since publication of the 2006 Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

Section 27.80, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

Section 27.80. Salmon.

(a) Methods of take:

(1) General Provisions. Only by angling as defined in Section 1.05. No sinkers or weights exceeding four pounds may be used, except that a fishing line may be attached to a sinker or weight of any size if such sinker or weight is suspended by a separate line and the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked. See sections 1.74, 28.65 and 28.70.

(2) Barbless Hooks. No more than two (2) single point, single shank barbless hooks shall be used in the ocean north of Point Conception ($34^{\circ}27'00''$ N. lat.) when salmon fishing or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

(3) Other Hook Restrictions. When fishing with bait in the ocean between Horse Mountain ($40^{\circ}05'00''$ N. lat.) and Point Conception, if angling by any other means than trolling, then no more than two (2) single point, single shank, barbless circle hooks shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook, and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied). A circle hook is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape, and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90-degree angle. Trolling is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions. See Section 28.65(g).

(4) One Rod Restriction north of Point Conception. Salmon may be taken by angling with no more than one rod in ocean waters north of Point Conception. See Section 28.65(e).

(b) Season:

(1) North of Horse Mountain ($40^{\circ}05'00''$ N. lat.) and Humboldt Bay. All waters of the ocean north of Horse Mountain and Humboldt Bay are open to salmon fishing from May 15, 2006 through July 4, 2006 and September 1 through September 6, 2006. (Note: In 2007, the season will be decided in April by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and California Fish and Game Commission and the section will be amended pursuant to the regulatory process).

Exception: The ocean area surrounding the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by $41^{\circ}38'48''$ N lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth), on the south by $41^{\circ}26'48''$ N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth), and extending 3 nautical miles offshore is closed to salmon fishing between August 1 and August 31. No salmon may be taken at any time in ocean waters at the mouths of the Smith and Klamath rivers and during August and September at the mouth of the Eel River. See Section 27.75.

(2) Between Horse Mountain and Point Arena ($38^{\circ}57'30''$ N. lat.). All waters of the ocean between Horse Mountain and Point Arena are open to salmon fishing from February 18, 2006 through June 4, 2006; June 7 through June 11, 2006; June 14 through June 18, 2006; June 21 through June 25, 2006; June 28, 2006 through July 9, 2006; July 15 through July 16, 2006; July 22 through July 23, 2006; and July 26, 2006 through November 12, 2006. (Note: In 2007, the season will open February 17).

(3) Between Point Arena and Pigeon Point ($37^{\circ}11'00''$ N. lat.). All waters of the ocean between Point Arena and Pigeon Point are open to fishing from April 1, 2006 through June 11, 2006; June 14, 2006 through July 9, 2006; and July 12, 2006 through November 12, 2006 (Note: In 2007, the season will open April 7).

Exception: The San Francisco Bay will remain open to salmon fishing from April 1 to November 12 during any ocean closure. For purposes of this regulation, the San Francisco Bay is defined as the waters of San Francisco and San Pablo bays plus all their tidal bays, tidal portions of their rivers and streams, sloughs and estuaries between Golden Gate Bridge and Carquinez Bridge unless otherwise noted in Section 7.50.

(4) Between Pigeon Point and Point Sur ($36^{\circ}18'00''$ N. lat.). All waters of the ocean between Pigeon Point and Point Sur are open to salmon fishing from April 1, 2006 through September 24, 2006 (Note: In 2007, the season will open April 7).

(5) South of Point Sur. All waters of the ocean south of Point Sur are open to salmon fishing from April 1, 2006 through September 24, 2006 (Note: In 2007, the season will open April 7).

(c) Limit:

- (1) Two salmon per day. See subsection (c)(2) below and Section 1.17.
- (2) Statewide Silver (coho) Salmon Restrictions: No silver (coho) salmon may be retained.

(d) Minimum size:

- (1) North of Horse Mountain: Twenty-four inches total length.
- (2) South of Horse Mountain: Twenty inches total length.

Attention All Salmon Anglers

Section 8226. Relinquishment of salmon head for recovery of coded-wire tag.

(a) Notwithstanding any measurement requirements under this code, and to implement the department's salmon tagging program, any person in possession of a salmon with a missing adipose fin (the small fleshy fin on the back of the fish between the back fin and the tail) upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the department, **shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon to the state, at no charge, for recovery of any coded-wire tag.** The head may be removed by the fish owner or, if removed by the official department representative, the head shall be removed in a manner to minimize loss of salmon flesh and the salmon shall immediately be returned to the rightful owner.

(b) It is unlawful to intentionally conceal, cull, or release into the waters, a salmon with a missing adipose fin that it is otherwise legal to possess.

IN-SEASON CHANGES TO 2006 GROUNDFISH REGULATIONS

The department enacted changes to groundfish regulations in January, February, March and June of 2006 following receipt of new data from the California Recreational Fisheries Survey. Summary tables containing the **current groundfish regulations are located on pages 13 through 23 of this supplement.**

HOW ARE IN-SEASON REGULATION CHANGES ENACTED?

Section 27.82(e) describes the process the department follows to enact in-season regulation adjustments, and Section 27.82(f) describes how the department notifies the federal government and the public of the changes:

(e) Fishery closure and/or rule change: When the department determines, based on the best available scientific information, that an annual harvest limit [optimum yield (OY), recreational harvest guideline, or recreatinoal harvest target] established in regulation by NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service) for lingcod, rockfish, a sub-group of rockfish, cabezon, and/or California scorpionfish has been exceeded or is projected to be exceeded prior to the end of the year or that catches are less than predicted, the following rule changes may occur:

(1) **The department may modify the seasons** for all or part of the recreational fishery for lingcod, rockfish, a sub-group of rockfish, California scorpionfish, cabezon, greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and/or any federal groundfish (as defined in Section 1.91) in all or part of a Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area, depending on the level of lingcod, rockfish, a sub-group of rockfish, cabezon, and/or California scorpionfish catch in each area, for the balance of the calendar year. Season modifications may differ by geographic location, mode of fishing or gear utilized.

(2) **The department may adjust existing bag or sub-bag limits or establish additional bag or sub-bag limits as needed** for any species of federal groundfish (as defined in Section 1.91, for groups of rockfish, or for any combination of rockfish, lingcod, cabezon, greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and ocean whitefish. Bag limits may differ by geographic location, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

(3) **The department may adjust existing size limits or establish additional size limits as needed** for any species of federal groundfish (as defined by Section 1.91 including rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, and California scorpionfish), and greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California sheephead, and ocean whitefish. Size limits may differ by geographic location, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

(f) Notice of closure and/or rule change: The department shall give the public and the National Marine Fisheries Service no less than 10 days notice of any fishery closure or rule change implemented pursuant to this Section via a department news release. Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

WHERE CAN I FIND UP-TO-DATE GROUNDFISH REGULATIONS?

The following sources provide the most up-to-date groundfish regulations:

- Call **(831) 649-2801**, the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline.
- Check the department's online newsroom at www.dfg.ca.gov/news or the department's Marine Region news page at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/news.html.
- Check the Marine Region's clickable fishing map, which lists regulations by area, at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/fishing_map.html.
- Sign up for e-mail notification of in-season changes at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlma/signup.html.
- E-mail specific questions to: AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov.
- Call your local department office for the latest information before heading out on a fishing trip.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS YEAR'S GROUNDFISH REGULATION CHANGES?

The following press releases are available online and at your local department office:

June 20, 2006

DFG Announces In-Season Recreational Sportfishing Regulation Changes for Key Groundfish Species

www.dfg.ca.gov/news/news06/06068.html

March 28, 2006

DFG Announces Expanded Ocean Bottomfishing Opportunities for Sport Anglers

www.dfg.ca.gov/news/news06/06034.html

February 21, 2006

Changes in DFG Regulations Will Offer Anglers Additional Sport Fishing Opportunities

www.dfg.ca.gov/news/news06/06021.html

January 12, 2006

Expanded Recreational Fishing Opportunities Will Continue for 2006

www.dfg.ca.gov/news/news06/06006.html

For more information about groundfish, visit "Groundfish Central" online at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/groundfishcentral



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Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2006

Northern Management Area

Ocean waters between 42°00' N. latitude (CA-OR Border) and 40°10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino)
 Includes all of Del Norte County and most of Humboldt County

Species	Time Period^{2,3}	Depth Limit^{2,3}	Daily Bag Limit²	Min. Size Limit^{1,2,4}
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	Boat-based Anglers ³ : Open: May-Dec Closed: Jan-Apr Divers, Shore-based Anglers ³ : Open year-round	May only be taken or possessed in waters less than 180 ft (30 m) deep SEE EXCEPTION AT END OF TABLE	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings and bocaccio	See individual species and groups below
Canary and Yelloweye Rockfishes, Cowcod	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	2 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	10" total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp or Rock Greenling	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	12" total length
Lingcod	Boat-based Anglers ³ : Open: May-Nov Closed: Jan-Apr, Dec Divers, Shore-based Anglers ³ : Open: Apr-Nov Closed: Jan-Mar, Dec	Same as RCG Complex, above	2 fish per person	24" total length
Other Federal Groundfish ⁵ (see Section 1.91, pg. 18 of 2006 regulation booklet)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species
Leopard Shark ⁶	Boat-based Anglers ³ <u>within Humboldt Bay</u> : Open all year <u>Outside of Humboldt Bay</u> : Same as RCG Complex, above Divers, Shore-Based Anglers ³ : Open all year	Boat-based Anglers ³ <u>within Humboldt Bay</u> : No depth restrictions <u>Outside of Humboldt Bay</u> : Same as RCG Complex, above Divers, Shore-Based Anglers ³ : No depth restrictions	3 fish per person	36" total length

1. See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths.

2. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801, visit the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your nearest DFG office for the latest information.

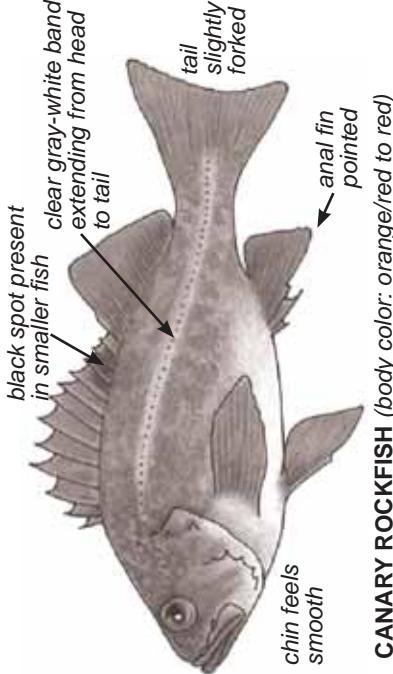
3. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from restrictions affecting the RCG complex, ocean whitefish, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and other federally managed groundfish (except for lingcod). The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:
- Boat-based anglers are fishermen that fish from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
 - Shore-based anglers are fishermen that fish from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other manmade structures connected to the shore.
 - Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.

4. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. Turn to page 59 of the Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet for a measurement illustration.
5. Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole and starry flounder are exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish ONLY when taken using the following gear: up to 12 No. 2 (or smaller) hooks and up to 2 lb. of weight.
6. The sportfisheiy for leopard shark inside Humboldt Bay is exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

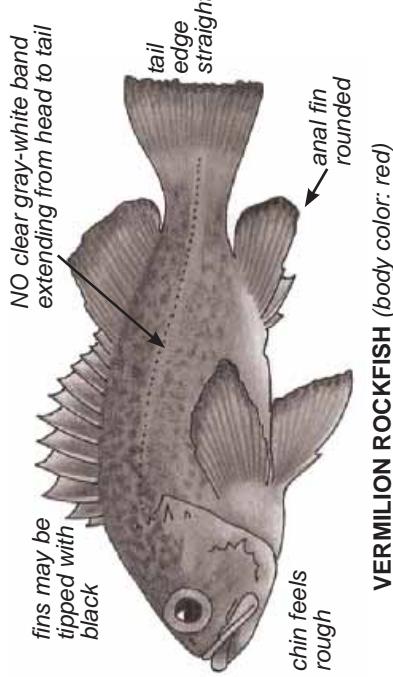
EXCEPTION: These fish may be possessed in closed waters only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water.

||||| ATTENTION ALL ANGLERS |||||
CANARY ROCKFISH MAY NOT BE TAKEN OR RETAINED IN 2006

June 2006 regulation changes have opened depths to fishing that may be home to protected canary rockfish. The department cautions all anglers to carefully check their catch and to release any canary rockfish, which may easily be mistaken for vermillion rockfish (see below).



CANARY ROCKFISH (body color: orange/red to red)



VERMILION ROCKFISH (body color: red)

Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2006

North-Central Management Area

Ocean waters between 40°10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino) and 37°1' N. latitude (near Pigeon Point)

Includes a portion of Humboldt County, Mendocino, Sonoma, Marin and San Francisco Counties, and most of San Mateo County

Species	Time Period ^{2,3}	Depth Limit ^{2,3,4}	Daily Bag Limit ²	Min. Size Limit ^{1,2,5}
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	Boat-based Anglers ³ : Open: July-Dec Closed: Jan-June Divers, Shore-based Anglers ³ : Open year-round	May only be taken or possessed in waters less than 180 ft (30 mi) deep ⁴ SEE EXCEPTION AT END OF TABLE	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings and bocaccio	See individual species and groups below
Canary and Yelloweye Rockfishes, Cowcod	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	10" total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp or Rock Greenling	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	12" total length
Ocean Whitefish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	10 fish per person	none
California Sheephead	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	12" total length
California Scorpionfish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	10" total length
Lingcod	Boat-based Anglers ³ : Open: July-Nov Closed: Jan-June, Dec Divers, Shore-based Anglers ³ : Open: Apr-Nov Closed: Jan-Mar, Dec	Same as RCG Complex, above	2 fish per person	24" total length

Other Federal Groundfish ⁶ (see Section 1.91, pg. 18 in 2006 regulations booklet)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species
Leopard Shark ⁷	Boat-based Anglers ³ <u>within</u> <u>San Francisco Bay, Bodega</u> <u>Harbor, Tomales Bay, Bolinas</u> <u>Bay, and Drakes Estero:</u> Open all year. <u>Outside of the previously</u> <u>mentioned bays:</u> Same as RCG Complex, above <u>Divers, Shore-Based Anglers³:</u> Open all year	Boat-based Anglers ³ <u>within</u> <u>San Francisco Bay, Bodega</u> <u>Harbor, Tomales Bay, Bolinas</u> <u>Bay, and Drakes Estero:</u> No depth restrictions <u>Outside of the previously</u> <u>mentioned bays:</u> Same as RCG Complex, above <u>Divers, Shore-Based Anglers³:</u> No depth restrictions	3 fish per person	36" total length

1. See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths.

2. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at **(831) 649-2801**, visit the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your nearest DFG office for the latest information.

3. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from restrictions affecting the RCG complex, ocean whitefish, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and other federally managed groundfish (except for lingcod). The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

- Boat-based anglers are fishermen that fish from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
- Shore-based anglers are fishermen that fish from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other manmade structures connected to the shore.
- Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.

4. Waters less than 10 fathoms (60 ft.) in depth around the Farallon Islands and Noonday Rock are closed to fishing at all times. Waters of Cordell Bank less than 100 fathoms (600 ft.) in depth are closed to fishing at all times.

5. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A fish measurement diagram is available on page 59 of the Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

6. Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole and starry flounder are exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish ONLY when taken using the following gear: up to 12 No. 2 (or smaller) hooks and up to 2 lb. of weight.

7. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside San Francisco Bay, Bodega Harbor, Tomales Bay, Bolinas Bay, and Drakes Estero is exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

EXCEPTION: These fish may be possessed in closed waters only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water.

Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2006

Monterey South-Central Management Area

Ocean waters between 37°1' N. latitude (Pigeon Point) and 36°00' N. latitude (near Lopez Point)

Includes a portion of San Mateo County, all of Santa Cruz County, and a portion of Monterey County

Species	Time Period^{2,3}	Depth Limit^{2,3}	Daily Bag Limit²	Min. Size Limit^{1,2,4}
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	Boat-based Anglers ³ : <u>Open:</u> July-Dec <u>Closed:</u> Jan-June Divers, Shore-based Anglers ³ : Open year-round	May only be taken or possessed in waters less than 180 ft (30 fm) deep SEE EXCEPTION AT END OF TABLE	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings and bocaccio	See individual species and groups below
Canary and Yelloweye Rockfishes, Cowcod	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	10" total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp or Rock Greenling	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	12" total length
Ocean Whitefish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	10 fish per person	none
California Sheephead	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	12" total length
California Scorpionfish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	10" total length
Lingcod	Boat-based Anglers ³ : <u>Open:</u> July-Nov <u>Closed:</u> Jan-June, Dec Divers, Shore-based Anglers ³ : <u>Open:</u> Apr-Nov <u>Closed:</u> Jan-Mar, Dec	Same as RCG Complex, above	2 fish per person	24" total length

Other Federal Groundfish ⁵ (see Section 1.91, pg. 18 in 2006 regulations booklet)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species
Leopard Shark ⁶	<p>Boat-based Anglers³ <u>within Elkhorn Slough</u>: Open all year</p> <p><u>Outside of Elkhorn Slough</u>: Same as RCG Complex, above</p> <hr/> <p>Divers, Shore-Based Anglers³: Open all year</p>	<p>Boat-based Anglers³ <u>within Elkhorn Slough</u>: No depth restrictions</p> <p><u>Outside of Elkhorn Slough</u>: Same as RCG Complex, above</p> <hr/> <p>Divers, Shore-Based Anglers³: No depth restrictions</p>	3 fish per person	36" total length

1. See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths.

2. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at **(831) 649-2801**, visit the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your nearest DFG office for the latest information.

3. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from restrictions affecting the RCG complex, ocean whitefish, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and other federally managed groundfish (except for lingcod). The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

- Boat-based anglers are fishermen that fish from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
 - Shore-based anglers are fishermen that fish from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other manmade structures connected to the shore.
 - Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.
4. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement illustration is available on pg. 59 of the 2006 Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet.
5. Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole and starry flounder are exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish ONLY when taken using the following gear: up to 12 No. 2 (or smaller) hooks and up to 2 lb. of weight.
6. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside Elkhorn Slough is exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.
- EXCEPTION:** These fish may be possessed in closed waters only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water.

Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2006

Morro Bay South-Central Management Area

Ocean waters between 36°0' N latitude (near Lopez Point in Monterey County) and 34°22' N latitude (Point Conception)

Includes a portion of Monterey County, all of San Luis Obispo County, and a portion of Santa Barbara County

Species	Time Period^{2, 3}	Depth Limit^{2, 3}	Daily Bag Limit²	Min. Size Limit^{1, 2, 4}	See individual species and groups below
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	Boat-based Anglers ³ : Open: May-Oct Closed: Jan-April, Nov, Dec Divers, Shore-based Anglers ³ : Open year-round	May only be taken or possessed in waters less than 240 ft (40 fm) deep SEE EXCEPTION AT END OF TABLE	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings and bocaccio	10"	
Canary and Yelloweye Rockfishes, Cowcod	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)		
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	10"	total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	15"	total length
Kelp or Rock Greenling	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	12"	total length
Ocean Whitefish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	10 fish per person	none	
California Sheephead	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person		12" total length
California Scorpionfish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person		10" total length

Lingcod	<u>Boat-based Anglers</u> ³ : Open: May-Oct Closed: Jan-Apr, Nov, Dec Divers, Shore-based Anglers. Open: Apr-Nov Closed: Jan-Mar, Dec	Same as RCG Complex, above	2 fish per person	24" total length
Other Federal Groundfish ⁵ (see Section 1.91, pg. 18 in 2006 regulations booklet)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species
Leopard Shark	<u>Boat-based Anglers</u> ³ : Same as RCG Complex, above Divers, Shore-Based Anglers. Open all year	Same as RCG Complex, above	3 fish per person	36" total length

1. See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths.

2. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at **(831) 649-2801**, visit the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your nearest DFG office for the latest information.

3. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from restrictions affecting the RCG complex, ocean whitefish, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and other federally managed groundfish (except for lingcod). The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

- Boat-based anglers are fishermen that fish from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
- Shore-based anglers are fishermen that fish from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other manmade structures connected to the shore.
- Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.

4. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A fish measurement diagram is available on page 59 of the Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

5. Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole and starry flounder are exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish ONLY when taken using the following gear: up to 12 No. 2 (or smaller) hooks and up to 2 lb. of weight.

EXCEPTION: These fish may be possessed in closed waters only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water.

Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2006

Southern Management Area

Ocean waters between 34°27' N. latitude (*Point Conception*) and the U.S.-Mexico Border

Includes a portion of Santa Barbara County, and all of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties

Species	Time Period ^{2,3,4}	Depth Limit ^{2,3,4}	Daily Bag Limit ³	Min. Size Limit ^{1,3,5}
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	Boat-based Anglers ⁴ : <u>Open:</u> Mar-Dec <u>Closed:</u> Jan, Feb Divers, Shore-based Anglers ⁴ : Open year-round	May only be taken or possessed in waters less than 360 ft (60 fm) deep ² SEE EXCEPTION AT END OF TABLE	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings and bocaccio	See individual species and groups below
Canary and Yelloweye Rockfishes, Cowcod	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION	NO RETENTION (zero)		
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	10" total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp or Rock Greenling	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	12" total length
Ocean Whitefish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	10 fish per person	none
California Sheephead	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	12" total length
California Scorpionfish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	10" total length
Lingcod	All Anglers and Divers ⁴ : <u>Open:</u> Apr-Nov <u>Closed:</u> Jan-Mar, Dec	Same as RCG Complex, above	2 fish per person	24" total length
Other Federal Groundfish ⁶ (see Section 1.91, pg. 18 of 2006 regulations booklet)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species

Leopard Shark	<u>Boat-based Anglers⁴ within Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, San Diego Bay, and Mission Bay:</u> Open all year <u>Outside of the above-mentioned bays:</u> Same as RCG Complex, above <u>Divers, Shore-Based Anglers⁴:</u> Open all year	<u>Boat-based Anglers⁴ within Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, San Diego Bay, and Mission Bay:</u> No depth restrictions <u>Outside of the above-mentioned bays:</u> Same as RCG Complex, above <u>Divers, Shore-Based Anglers⁴:</u> Open all year	<u>3 fish per person</u> <u>36" total length</u>
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1. See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths.
2. In the Cowcod Conservation Areas fishing is prohibited in waters greater than 120 feet (20 fathoms) in depth. Fishing is also subject to the Time Period closures for the Southern Management Area.
3. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at **(831) 649-2801**, visit the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your nearest DFG office for the latest information.
4. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from restrictions affecting the RCG complex, ocean whitefish, California sheephead, and other federally managed groundfish (except for lingcod). The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:
 - Boat-based anglers are fishermen that fish from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
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6. Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole and starry flounder are exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish ONLY when taken using the following gear: up to 12 No. 2 (or smaller) hooks and up to 2 lb. of weight.
7. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, San Diego Bay, and Mission Bay is exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

EXCEPTION: These fish may be possessed in closed waters only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water.

Changes to Surfperch Bag Limits

Section 27.60, sub-sections (b)(2) and (c)(1), Title 14, CCR, are amended to read:

Section 27.60. Limit.

(b) Within the overall bag limit of 20 fish with not more than 10 of any one species, the following special limits apply:

(2) For species other than federal groundfish (as defined in Section 1.91) and species associated with federal groundfish (limited to greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California sheephead, and ocean whitefish), within the overall bag limit of 20 fish, the following special limits apply:

Zero fish (Prohibited)	One fish	Two fish	Three Fish	Five Fish
Giant (black) sea bass (except as provided in Section 28.10)	Sturgeon (see Section 27.90)	Salmon (except as provided in Section 27.80)	Trout taken from ocean and bays (see Section 27.70)	Surfperch - In San Francisco and San Pablo bays only, the surfperch daily bag limit is five fish in the aggregate. See Section 28.59 and subsection 27.60(c) for other surfperch bag limits.
Garibaldi (see Section 28.05)	Pacific halibut (see Section 28.20)	Striped bass (see Section 27.85)	White seabass (except as provided in Section 28.35)	California halibut (except as provided in Section 28.15)
Gulf grouper (see Section 28.12)	Marlin (see Section 28.50)	Broadbill swordfish (see Section 28.40)		
Broomtail grouper (see Section 28.12)	Sevengill shark	Blue shark		
White shark (see Section 28.06)	Sixgill shark	Thresher shark		
		Shortfin mako shark		

(c) Special daily bag limits for shiner surfperch.

(1) The special limit for shiner surfperch is 20, which may be taken or possessed in addition to the overall daily bag limit of 20 finfish defined in sub-section 27.60(a) and the special limits defined in subsection 27.60(b).

Section 28.59, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

Section 28.59. Surfperch.

(a) For purposes of this Section, the term "surfperch" refers to all species of the family Embiotocidae, in any combination.

(b) Open season: Open all year, except surfperch may not be taken or possessed by a person in San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay between April 1 and July 31, inclusive. Shiner surfperch (*Cymatogaster aggregata*) are exempt from this seasonal closure and may be taken and possessed up to their daily bag limit in these areas during the closure period.

(c) Daily bag limits.

(1) In San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay, the aggregate limit is five surfperch, not including shiner surfperch. For all other areas, the aggregate limit is 20 surfperch, not including shiner surfperch. Not more than 10 surfperch may be of any one species.

(2) The special limit for shiner surfperch is 20, which may be taken or possessed in addition to the overall daily bag limit of 20 finfish defined in subsection 27.60(a) and the special limits defined in subsection 27.60(b).

(d) Minimum size: redband surfperch, ten and one-half inches total length. All other surfperch, none.